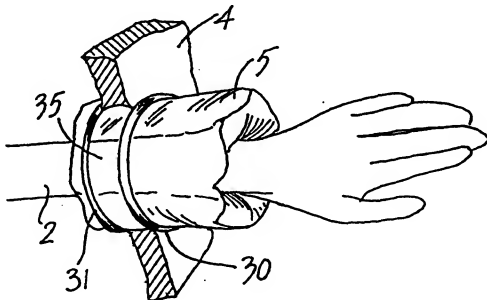


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(57) Abstract

A hand access device (1, 50, 55, 60, 65) for use as a seal for sealing a surgeon's forearm (2) on entry through a wound opening (3), for example in an abdominal wall (4) comprises a substantially tubular sleeve (5) of pliable gas tight material. The tube is turned axially back on itself to define an outer sleeve section (11) and an inner sleeve section (12) which define therebetween a sealed inflatable chamber. The inner sleeve section (12) is engaged by the forearm (2) which, on insertion, causes the sleeve to evert. The device has version limiting means in the form of inner and outer rings (30, 31) which are of elastomeric material.